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SUBJECT: TIGHTENING FUEL SITUATION IN CHILE

1. ESSO REPRESENTATIVE SWINDERMAN HAS TOLD US (AND CONFIRMED BY OFFICIAL OF COPEC, MOBIL AFFILIATE HERE, THAT GOC HAS INCREASED COST OF BUNKER FUEL TO SHIPS TO \$160 A TON (\$25 A BARREL). SWINDERMAN BELIEVES THAT NEW PRICE WILL BE PROHIBITIVE AND THAT GOVT. WILL BE FORCED TO COMPROMISE TO GET SHIPS TO CARRY CHILEAN COPPER EXPORTS.

2. SWINDERMAN SAID GOC IS NOW REQUIRING THAT REDUCTIONS IN OVERSEAS FUEL DELIVERIES TO NATIONAL AIRLINE LAN BE MATCHED IN SANTIAGO BY EQUAL PERCENTAGE FUEL CUT TO AIRLINE OF COUNTRY WHERE REDUCTIONS MADE. HE UNDERSTANDS LAN FULE SUPPLIES HAVE BEEN REDUCED BY 37 PERCENT IN FRANKFORT AND SHELL IS MAKING EQUIVALENT CUT TO LUFTHANSA HERE. SWINDERMAN HAS HEARD THAT LAN'S FUEL IN MIAMI WILL BE REDUCED IN NEAR FUTURE, WHICH WILL FORCE ESSO TO MOVE AGAINST BRANIFF. LAN OFFICIAL TOLD EMBOFF THAT LAN

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EXPECTS 15 PERCENT CUT IN FUEL QUOTA IN MIAMI BY

JANUARY, WHICH COULD FORCE ELIMINATION OF ONE FLIGHT.
HE SAID BRANIFF ALLOCATION IN SANTIAGO WOULD THEN BE
REDUCED BY SIMILAR PERCENTAGE AMOUNT. HE ADDED LAN
CUT IN GERMANY WOULD NOT AFFECT AIRLINE ADVERSELY FOR
TIME BEING,AS LAN CAN FUEL ELSEWHERE.

3. ACCORDING SWINDERMAN, LOCAL PRICES OF GASOLINE AND
HEATING FUEL WILL INCREASE AS OF JANUARY 1. HE IS PRESENTLY
ESTIMATING RISE OF ABOUT 100 PERCENT.
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